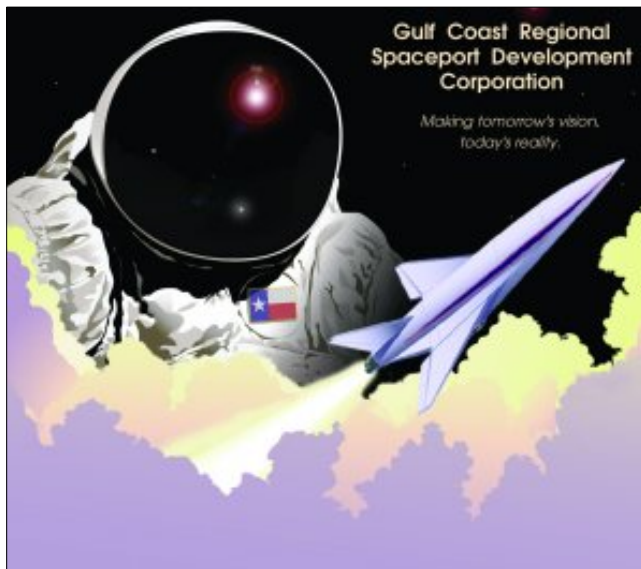


AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST)

The FAA/AST's objective is to ensure public health and safety through the licensing of commercial space launches and reentries and the operation of launch and reentry sites. To operate a commercial launch site, the Gulf Coast Regional Spaceport Development Corporation (GCRSDC) must obtain a launch site operator license from the FAA. The license remains in effect for five years from the date of issuance and can be renewed by the licensee. Before a license is issued by the FAA, the environmental review component of the licensing process must be satisfied per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations. The environmental review component of the licensing process ensures that potentially significant environmental impacts of commercial space launch activities on the natural and human environment are fully considered in FAA's decision making. For more information about the FAA's licensing process, visit <http://ast.faa.gov/>.



Gulf Coast Regional Spaceport Development Corporation (GCRSDC)

The GCRSDC is applying to the FAA for a launch site operator license to develop and operate a commercial launch site in Brazoria County, Texas that would support launches of suborbital rockets.

The FAA will not issue a decision on their application until the NEPA process is complete.

GCRSDC was established in 2000 with the following goals:

- Establish a process to successfully obtain a license for a regional spaceport in Brazoria County,
- Develop a business plan to attract a commercial aerospace launch company to the region, and
- Develop a public-private partnership to plan, design, construct, and operate a regional commercial spaceport in Brazoria County.

For more information about GCRSDC, please visit www.gulfcoastspaceport.org.